



Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004

2004 asp 8

PART 13

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

General

143 Interpretation: “antisocial behaviour” and other expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Act (other than Parts 7 and 8), a person (“A”) engages in antisocial behaviour if A—
- (a) acts in a manner that causes or is likely to cause alarm or distress; or
 - (b) pursues a course of conduct that causes or is likely to cause alarm or distress, to at least one person who is not of the same household as A; and “antisocial behaviour” shall be construed accordingly.
- (2) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
- “conduct” includes speech; and a course of conduct must involve conduct on at least two occasions;
 - “local authority” means a council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c. 39); and “area”, in relation to a local authority, means the local government area (within the meaning of that Act) for which the council is constituted;
 - “registered social landlord” means a body registered in the register maintained under [F1section 20(1) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 17)] ; and
 - “senior police officer” has the meaning given by section 19(1).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 143(2) substituted (1.4.2012) by [Housing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 17\)](#), s. 166(2), [sch. 2 para. 11](#); [S.S.I. 2012/39](#), art. 2, [sch. 1](#) (with [sch. 2](#)) (as amended (1.4.2012) by [S.S.I. 2012/91](#), art. 4)

Changes to legislation:

Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004, Section 143 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 85B inserted by [2014 asp 14 s. 21\(1\)](#)